

## Council gets update on Black Creek

By: Dawn Brown

Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) updated council regarding an ongoing study of the Black Creek Subwatershed at the town council meeting on Monday, October 17. The study, which began back in 2008, has just completed the second of four phases. Phases three and four are expected to be completed in 2017.

The purpose of the study is to prepare an Environmental Management Plan which allows for response to things like changing landscapes, legislative initiatives, climate change and improved science.

"All that leads to an opportunity to update the environmental tools, management tools we have," explained Tim Mereu, Director of Watershed

Management with CVC. Who went on to explain that without a proper watershed plan, unabated urbanization can lead to serious consequences.

At 80.21 square kilometers, the Black Creek subwatershed includes Acton, Ballinfad, Bannockburn, Limehouse and northwest Georgetown. The main land uses of the area are approximately 22 per cent urban, 35 per cent agriculture, 40 per cent natural and 3 per cent aggregate.

The subwatershed study process is made up of four parts: Background Report and Monitoring, Characterization Study and Impact Assessment, which have been completed, and finally Management and Implementation Plan, which is presently underway.

Overall, the study found that the surface water quality is good. However, there are some areas where it exceeds provincial objectives with respect to phosphorous and E Coli levels. Though, this is not uncommon in an agricultural setting. The groundwater is also generally good with some sodium and chloride increases that are likely a result of salt use.

"Just to underscore the importance of the groundwater; it supports the water supply, and it supports the surface water features," said Mereu. "So much of what this is about is maintaining the quality of that groundwater recharge, and maintaining the quality of that groundwater. We do those two things, we'll accomplish most of what we hope to accomplish."

## MAYOR'S CORNER

By: Rick Bonnette



### 'Let's Remember'

Wilfred Laurier University would be a welcome addition to Halton Region. Milton has been courting Wilfred Laurier for some time. They have the land dedicated for them. You may ask why a Mayor from Halton Hills is so supportive of a Milton initiative. As a former teacher of Humber College I see the benefits to have an education institution nearby. Universities are huge employers. It gives multiple options for our Halton Hills kids to get a post-secondary education at a University literally next door. Lastly 70 percent of graduates end up living within 70 kms of where they graduated bringing their skill set to the community. So our council joins our Milton colleagues and M.P.P Ted Arnott in supporting this endeavor. All it takes is the province to give the green light and of course the funding.

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Remembrance Day is fast approaching. We will always remember and honour the women and men who have and who continue to serve our country and the sacrifices they make. As Canadians, we must never take for granted our way of life. The freedom to express ourselves, to participate in cultural and political events is a few of the fundamental elements of our daily lives

that we enjoy thanks to our veterans. I have attended many Remembrance Day activities over the years and the faces of our local veterans have changed. We have a new generation especially with recent missions to Afghanistan. In 2014, the Town of Halton Hills launched the Community Covenant for veterans and their families. It fosters the continued development of the Town of Halton Hills as a community that embraces veterans. As Canadians, we must never forget.

Saturday, November 5 - 10:30 a.m. Acton Cenotaph  
Sunday, November 6 - 12:30 p.m. Glen Williams Cenotaph

Sunday, November 6 - 3 p.m. Remembrance Park

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Congratulations to the winners of the Halton Hills 2016 Chamber Awards:  
New Business of the

Year - 9Round Fitness; Environmental Excellence - Dufferin Aggregates; Community Excellence (Business) - Georgetown Chevrolet Buick GMC; Community Excellence (Not for Profit) - The Georgetown Hospital Foundation; Small Business of the Year - Deker Electric; Large Business of the Year - Saputo Dairy Products; Employee of the Year - Helga Kennedy

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Congratulations to:  
Georgetown Army Cadets on their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Grand Opening of Wild Wing at 371 Mountainview Road  
Keeping it real. I can be reached by telephone at 905-873-2601, ext. 2342 or by email at mayor@haltonhills.ca or read my blog at www.rickbonnette.blogspot.com. You can also follow me on twitter at: @RickBonnette!

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## Royal Canadian Legion Branch 197

Remembrance Day Parade  
Saturday, November 5, 2016



The parade will muster at the Hide House parking lot at 10:15 a.m. and then march to the Cenotaph for the service.

The Veterans Dinner will be served at the Legion Branch 197 starting at 1 p.m.

At the 11th Hour  
on the 11th Day  
of the 11th Month,  
we remember those  
who risked, and lost, their lives  
for the freedoms we enjoy today

There will be a Legion Service  
at the Cenotaph on  
November 11, 2016 at 11 a.m.